



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Alfred S. Despres III et al.
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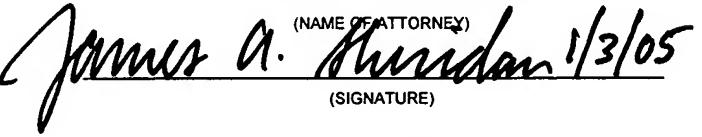
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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